



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action." ~ James Russell Lowell

Nov. 18, 2015

## National Family Volunteer Day – Nov. 21

Kick off the holiday season with your loved ones by participating in an act of kindness or a volunteer project on or around Saturday, Nov. 21 to celebrate National Family Volunteer Day! This special day is organized through GenerationOn. Their website, [generationon.org/fvd](http://generationon.org/fvd), has a number of do-it-yourself volunteer projects, such as organizing a litter clean-up, making dog treats, and holding a dance for senior citizens. The website also has information about chances to win fun prizes for participating. To learn about the benefits of family volunteering, as well as local family volunteer opportunities, go to [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/KidsAndFamilies](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/KidsAndFamilies).

## Health Outreach Fairs Volunteer

If you are interested in Alzheimer's Disease, please consider representing the Greater Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at various health fairs and exhibitions throughout the year. Volunteers share information with those who want to learn more about this disease and other related dementias. They also inform the public about the services of the Alzheimer's Association and other community resources. Please contact Kelly Litster at (317) 575-9620 or [klitster@alz.org](mailto:klitster@alz.org). ([www.alz.org/indiana](http://www.alz.org/indiana))

## Childcare for Down Syndrome Family Connection

If you like kids, or enjoy working with people with disabilities, you may be interested in providing child care on an ongoing basis to children with Down Syndrome and their siblings while their parents attend meetings and events through Down Syndrome Family Connection. A background check is required. Meetings are typically held on the second Saturday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Minimum age is 16. If you can help, please contact Cyndi Johnson at [volunteer@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](mailto:volunteer@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org). ([www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org](http://www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org))

## Provide Hospitality at Shalom Community Center

Volunteers are the backbone for the everyday operations of the Shalom Community Center, a day center for people experiencing homelessness or poverty. Hospitality volunteers work at the busy front desk, distributing guests' mail and messages, answering the phone, and assisting with long-term and day storage. Volunteers also register guests to do laundry, take a shower, see a caseworker or visit with agency representatives. Minimum age is 18. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/ShalomCenterVolunteering> or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org) or (812) 334-5734 ext. 23. ([www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org))

## Gift Wrapping Elves

Bring cheer to others with your gift-wrapping skills! Many people with disabilities struggle to find friendships. LIFE Designs ensures that all of their customers receive at least one gift, so they can experience a bit of holiday cheer. Community members can brighten the holidays for people of *all* abilities by wrapping these donated gifts throughout the month of December. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Stephanie Shelton at (800) 875-9615 or [sshelton@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:sshelton@lifedesignsinc.org). ([www.lifedesignsinc.org](http://www.lifedesignsinc.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Monroe County Public Library

Enriches individual lives and strengthens our community by offering equitable access to information and opportunities for literacy, learning, and enjoyment. To grant a wish, contact Sue Sater at [ssater@mcpl.info](mailto:ssater@mcpl.info) or (812) 349-3050. (303 E. Kirkwood Ave.; [www.mcpl.info](http://www.mcpl.info))

**Wishes:** paints (water color, acrylic), painting/drawing pads, colored pencils, coloring books for adults, stencils, paper punches, paper cutter, Legos, toy trains, thumb drives, guitar capo and picks, percussion instruments, drumsticks, notebooks (wide-rule, spiral-bound)

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org) or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

